

2007 Chinese Moon Festival



Saturday, September 22

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

2007 Chinese Moon Festival Schedule of Events

6:30 p.m. R Street Gate* opens to registrants
Check-in at the Lobby until 8:15

7:00 p.m. Chinese Moon Festival Opens

Administration Building

Lobby

Arbor House Gift Shop has books and other festival-themed items for sale

Potomac Chrysanthemum Society members answer questions about the mums on display

Auditorium

Mu Ping Dance Group provides enchanting performances and dance lessons, concluding with a finale and fashion show at 8:00

National Bonsai & Penjing Museum

“In Celebration of the Chrysanthemum Moon” Exhibit shows Asian art forms that represent the harvest season, including bonsai, viewing stones, prints, and more

Scholars’ rocks authority Kemin Hu answers questions and signs books until 8:00

A costumed calligrapher renders Chinese characters in ink by request in a replication of a traditional scholar’s study

Craft Tent

Paper folding boats for all ages; folding paper fans and lilies, and paint-your-own chrysanthemum stone for the kids

A painter depicts chrysanthemums and demonstrates different styles of Chinese ink brushwork

Delicious samples of dim sum and chrysanthemum tea

8:15 p.m. Museum and craft tent close

Procession up the Flowering Tree Walk to the Capitol Columns

Moon Viewing

Moon Cakes & Tea served

Folded paper boat with a secret wish at reflecting pool

Welcoming remarks – Dr. Thomas Elias, National Arboretum Director

Poetry recitation – Dr. Beverly Hong Fincher

Choral performance – JinHua Children’s Chorus of Greater Washington,
Jean Y.C. Hsui, Director

9:00 p.m. Festival Closes
Door prizes awarded in the Lobby

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Beverly Hong Fincher, Friends of China Garden, Inc., Friends of China Garden at U. S. National Arboretum, JinHua Children's Chorus of Greater Washington, Kemin Hu, Mu Ping Dance Group, and Organization of Chinese American Women

Directions:

Use the R Street gate. located at 24th & R Streets, NE, off Bladensburg Road.

Note: The New York Avenue gate will be closed for the evening. Call 202-245-4523 for help with directions.

From Northwest Washington - Follow New York Avenue east to the intersection of Bladensburg Road. Turn right (south) onto Bladensburg Road and go 4 blocks to R Street. Make a left on R Street and continue 2 blocks to the Arboretum gates.

From the Maryland suburbs - Take the Capital Beltway (I 495/I 95) to exit 22B (Baltimore Washington Parkway) towards Washington. Follow the Baltimore Washington Parkway approximately 7 miles to Route 50 West (New York Avenue). Once on Route 50 get in your left lane. You will approach the intersection of Bladensburg Road where only the two left lanes turn onto Bladensburg Road. Make the left onto Bladensburg Road and go 4 blocks to R Street. Make a left on R Street and continue 2 blocks to the Arboretum gates.

From Virginia (I 395) - Follow I 395 North over the 14th Street Bridge. Bear right at the end of the bridge to follow signs to 395 North. Continue to follow signs to 395 North (the lanes for 395 are to the right--pay attention). The 395 lanes go under a tunnel at 3rd Street. Continue following signs for 395 North. The tunnel will dead end at New York Avenue, where all lanes are forced to turn right. Continue on New York Avenue until the major intersection with Bladensburg Road (there will be large green traffic signs overhead; also, it's about 2.5 miles from the end of the freeway to the right turn on Bladensburg). Turn right onto Bladensburg Road and go 4 blocks to R Street. Make a left on R Street and continue 2 blocks to the Arboretum gates.

From Virginia (I 95 - I 295) - Follow I 95 North and cross the Wilson Bridge. Stay in the right lane over the bridge. Bear onto I 95/I 295 North to Washington. Follow I 295 to the exit for Route 50 West (New York Avenue). Once on Route 50 get in your left lane. You will approach the intersection of Bladensburg Road where only the two left lanes turn onto Bladensburg Road. Make the left onto Bladensburg Road and go 4 blocks to R Street. Make a left on R Street and continue 2 blocks to the Arboretum gates.

From Virginia (I 66) - Cross the Roosevelt Bridge and follow Constitution Avenue past the Capitol Building. Bear left onto Maryland Avenue. Follow Maryland Avenue to Bladensburg Road. Make a left onto Bladensburg Road and travel 1 mile to R Street. Make a right onto R Street and continue 2 block to the Arboretum gates.

By Metrorail - The closest Metrorail subway stop is Stadium Armory Station on the Blue and Orange lines. Transfer to the B2 Metrobus; disembark the bus on Bladensburg Road at Rand Street, just past the Arboretum sign on the right. Walk back to sign at R Street and walk down R Street 2 blocks to Arboretum entrance.

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